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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1143

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 8, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prosecuting Attorney Jurisdiction over State Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the prosecution of cases involving misuse of state funds to be tried in a county with presumptive venue. It creates an exception if the prosecuting attorney in a county with presumptive venue declines to file charges.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill is limited to occurrences when state funds are suspected of being misused in one county and where a prosecuting attorney in another county can establish the authority to investigate the alleged misuse.

Under current law, a prosecuting attorney in one county can investigate and indict persons in another county for misusing state funds. Examples of when this could occur include if school corporations, regional transportation programs, community corrections programs, or regional solid waste disposal programs cross county lines and use state funds.

Under this bill, these types of investigations by a prosecuting attorney would only be able to occur if the prosecuting attorney in a county where the actual misuse of state funds occurs declines in writing to investigate the alleged misuse.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Prosecuting Attorneys.

Information Sources:

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